

SGA approves budget amid student concerns

By Kevin Garcia

Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has approved a budget proposal totaling \$13,300, which is \$5,150 more than the current budget. The plan now goes to administrators for final approval before possibly going into effect next year.

SGA Treasurer Alberto Velez presented the budget,

which he said most students would be aware of because it was published in the March 19 issue of *The Collegian*.

When the meeting began there were 15 students, three SGA officers and their sponsor, Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martin. Parliamentarian Mario Gil did not join the meeting until the vote for the budget was about to begin.

Velez made the motion to

approve the budget, which was seconded by Vice President Ana Perez. Perez left the meeting just prior to the vote, as she had to attend a luncheon for Vice President for Student Affairs Olivia Rivas. To maintain a quorum, which means that at least half of the SGA officers must be present for any decision to be constitutional, President Melissa Acevedo requested that Gil, who had arrived late

and was seated in the audience, join the other officers for the vote.

The vote passed 2-0, but not before many students voiced their concerns. As president, Acevedo only votes in the case of a tie.

Part of the new budget would go into monetary compensation for the SGA officers: \$800 for the president, \$350 for the vice president and \$200 each for the remain-

ing officers. This would mean that future SGA officers will no longer be volunteering as representatives of the student body, but would be paid to do so.

Student Edgar Guacín asked if the paychecks were necessary or justified.

"I think it's fair. I think Student Government officers put in a lot of time," Velez replied.

Fuentes-Martin said that at

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Royal Couple



Bougainvillea Queen Tatiana Fernandez and King Joe Aguirre dance to Luis Miguel's "Suena" after the presentation ceremony at Bougainvillea 2001 held at the South Padre Island Convention Centre March 24. The Sweethearts and escorts joined in shortly after. See more photos on page 12.

ERIC VILLANUEVA/COLLEGIAN

Grant to promote science ed reform

By John Strubelt

Staff Writer

On March 22, Mario Diaz, associate professor and interim chair for Physical Sciences and Engineering Technology, briefed the Southmost Union Junior College District board of trustees concerning the Engaging Latino Communities in Education grant. UTB/TSC will receive a grant from the Kellogg Foundation for the Brownsville Alliance for Science Education, a project to create a community partnership to support science education reform.

University officials worked with ENLACE for a year with a planning grant of \$100,000, Diaz said. Officials designed a plan and the Kellogg Foundation awarded UTB/TSC an additional \$1.5 million to implement that plan. The Houston Foundation is considering funding an additional \$300,000, which would raise the grant to \$1.8 million.

Science education reform is a movement that seeks to transform education to teach science according to recommendations by the National Science Education Standards. Last year BISS adopted the Full Option Science

System, a program that does away with textbooks and gives children science kits that reflect current research. Children learn science by using a more hands-on approach.

"Learning science is something that students do, not something that is done to them," Diaz said.

The reason for implementing a program like the Brownsville Alliance for Science Education is that engineering is steadily decreasing in the state of Texas, he said. Between 1986 and 1999, bachelors of science degrees in the state increased by about 20 percent but science engineering and electrical engineering decreased by 19 percent and 44 percent, respectively.

The components of this program include both community and university outreach, Diaz said. The ENLACE grant is used to develop a partnership that will instigate several components: university student mentors, after-school tutoring, science clubs, an annual physics olympics, parental activities and more science-oriented projects like the JASON project.

The key component is to create

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On Campus

Police release crime statistics

By **Idelfonso Ortiz**
Times Nuevo Editor

A late-model car was among the items reported stolen during the first two months of the semester, Campus Police say.

Two thefts were reported in January. A backpack valued at \$40 was taken from South Hall, but it was recovered later. A backpack valued at \$20 was taken from Rustenberg Hall.

Police said some state property previously reported stolen was recovered in January: a set of keys to buildings and labs valued at \$125, a gas-card for a university vehicle worth \$10, and the keys to a university building worth \$10.

Personal property recovered the same month include a black jacket, a wallet and cash with a combined value of \$300, and a CD case worth \$12.

Eight thefts were reported in February. A weed eater valued at \$320 and a towing

bar worth \$70 were taken from the Physical Plant.

Private property reported stolen the same month totaled \$26,041. A late-model car valued at \$24,181 was stolen from the parking lot at Taylor and May streets, and a purse valued at \$25 and a wallet and cash with a combined value of \$50 were taken from South Hall. A purse with cash valued at \$35 and a backpack with books valued at \$250 were stolen from Rustenberg; these items were recovered. A theft by check in the amount of \$1,500 also was reported.

A Ford truck valued at \$9,000 that was reported stolen earlier was recovered in February.

An assault was also reported. Two males students were involved in an altercation Feb. 14 in the parking lot of South Hall. Both students were apprehended and later released; no charges were filed.

Tax-return help being offered here

By **Ruben Avendaño**
Staff Writer

Faculty, staff and students who have yet to file their income tax returns can get assistance and information from two sources available on campus.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, run by the Internal Revenue Service in cooperation with the university, provides free income tax return assistance to the community and college students.

The IRS has collaborated with the university for several years to offer the assistance at the university. The coordinator of the V.I.T.A. program for the last two years has been Sharon Smith, an associate master technology instructor at

UTB/TSC.

"The program is for student volunteers to do student income tax returns," Smith said.

Students from the university are recruited through the Accounting Society, an organization on campus, and through accounting classes to become volunteers. A class offered by the IRS trains the students to complete 1040EZ and 1040A forms manually and/or through electronic filing. The person filing can request which method they want their income tax to be filed, but most prefer electronic filing, Smith said.

Students participating this year from the university to provide the service are Modesta Salinas, Blanca Ortiz, Sergio Martinez Jr.

Chi Alpha conducts its meetings from noon to 1 p.m. every Monday in the Eldman 1 Lecture Hall. Lunch is served at each meeting. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, call Mary L. Rodriguez at 544-8223.

Ricardo Ayala III of the Counseling Center will present a lecture titled "Clues to Spousal Violence" from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday in North Hall 104.

Mari Fuentes-Martín, dean of Students, will conduct a meeting titled "Learning to Lead: Go for the Gold" from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Dean of Students Conference Room.

Great deals. Great meals. The Office of Student Activities will sponsor a Rummage Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Gazebos. Clubs interested in reserving a table for the rummage sale or food sales should pick up forms and guidelines at the Office of

Student Activities.

John-Manuel Andriote, a Washington, D.C.-based writer, will talk about his book, "Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco," on the radio program "Society Under Fire," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH (88.9 FM).

Andriote is also the author of "The Art of Fine Cigars," and "Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America." David Pearson, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences, hosts the program.

There will be a Student Government Association meeting at 11 a.m. Friday at the Gorgas Hall boardroom.

The South Texas Engineering, Math and Science Program will host UTB/TSC's 3rd Annual Science and Engineering Competitions for High School Students from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at various locations around campus.

Briefs

The U.S. Treasury Department will conduct interviews for the positions of financial program specialist, computer specialist, accountant and program analyst at the Career Services and Placement Office on April 23. To schedule an appointment, call 544-2266 or visit the office, located in Tandy 205. Candidates must have a current resume, a GPA of 3.0 or higher in business, accounting or computer science. They must be in the top one-third ranking of class and must be a member of a national honor fraternity. Positions will be located in Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the Briefs section, please call Joie Chavez at 544-8263, e-mail her at collegian@utb.edu or visit The Collegian office, located in the Student Center. The deadline for the April 9 issue is 5 p.m. today.

The Collegian Spring 2001 Publication Schedule

Issue No.	Publication Date	Ad Deadline
27	Monday, April 9	Monday, April 2
28	Monday, April 16	Monday, April 9
April 19-21	Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention—No publication	
29	Monday, April 30*	Monday, April 23
*Final exams/Graduation issue		

and Alma M. Sanchez.

The service is free to anyone in the community but is mostly provided to university students.

"It's not only just for students but for senior citizens and low-income families," Smith said. "But we do it primarily for our students."

This year V.I.T.A. worked with the Financial Aid Office at the financial aid fair earlier this month and continues to provide assistance from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at South Hall 248.

The last day V.I.T.A. will offer its services is April 11. Smith can be reached at 544-

8261.

Collinsworth, an assistant professor for the Accounting Department, has been providing free assistance with income tax returns for about 10 years.

"I taught tax, so I thought, I need to do tax to teach it," Collinsworth said. "And being a tax teacher, students that had odd problems, like the non-resident students that have a different tax return, would bring it to me and ask me to do it. Then [International Student Counselor] Thelma Sullivan ... picked up on this and she started sending me students."

Collinsworth encourages

everyone to attempt to file their own taxes and she can then answer any questions that may come up and clarify information.

"When I taught taxes, my students would have to do their own tax returns, but I would check it for them," Collinsworth said. "Some of my students would actually work with me and do their families' tax returns and that's how I got in the tax business."

Collinsworth can be reached at 544-8863.

The filing deadline for income tax returns is April 15.

On Campus

SGA

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other colleges SGA officers are paid for their services and that the current SGA is serving a "thankless job" that deserves compensation.

The budget also includes \$1,500 for the purchase of a new laptop computer.

Gaucin and other students asked if this was necessary.

Velez explained that a laptop is as efficient as a PC, occupies less space, is easier to move around and handy for PowerPoint presentations.

The new budget also allows \$2,000 for hiring an office clerk for the SGA office. Some students asked if this was really necessary, and why the full roster of six SGA officers was not enough to have someone in the office for regular hours.

Velez explained that often officers have conflicting schedules or outside employment that might prevent them from being present in the office.

The budget also includes:
-\$2,400 for travel
-\$2,000 for a Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony
-\$2,000 for promotional materials

-\$800 for campus projects
-\$600 for SGA committees
-\$150 for office supplies

\$150 for registration fees
-\$50 for telephone use
Student Edward Camuello defended the SGA's requested budget, but said the entire student body should be given more information before any steps are taken.

Gaucin said he believed UTB/TSC was already "lacking funds," and "I think we can put the money to better use elsewhere."

Fuentes-Martin emphasized that this vote is only the "first step in a long process" in getting the budget approved and instituted.

Earlier in the SGA meeting, Vicente Fernandez, a student who also works at the Business Affairs Office, gave a presentation about the university's budget and how it is being spent. She briefly mentioned various remodeling and construction work being done around campus.

When students asked for more information on what kind of remodeling was being done she said that she needed more information.

Fernandez also mentioned the new Scorpion Images, which is the copy center in the bookstore scheduled to open April 2.

Students asked if this would provide markedly different services than the copy center at the library.

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Club Spotlight

Name: Alpha Kappa Psi.

Purpose: To appreciate and demand higher ideals in business to further the individual welfare of members during college and beyond. To develop well-trained ethical, skilled, resourceful and experienced business leaders.

Sponsors: Patricia McIntyre and Gaunaro Banerjee.

President: Javier H. Cavazos.

Vice president-membership: Diana Adams.

Vice president-performance: Edgar Gómez.

Treasurer: Briza Banda.

Secretary: Marco E. Muñoz.

Public relations: Betty Ramirez.

Alumni secretary: Edilberto C. Ortiz.

Chaplain and master of rituals: Flor E. Chapoy.

Warden: Adrian Zamora.

Meets: Second and fourth Friday of every

month in the North Hall Conference Room located in room 217.

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Events: Guest speakers, fund-raisers and community services.

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Established: May 20, 1905 (Nationally.) Spring 1981 (UTB chapter.)

For more information, call: Cavazos at 504-4935 or e-mail him at javierhc@yahoo.com or Adams at 789-4130 or e-mail her at d.j.adams@utb1.utb.edu.

--Compiled by: Jonie Chávez



Alpha Kappa Psi members include (front row, from left) Edgar Gómez, vice president-performance; Adrian Zamora, warden; Diana Adams, vice president-membership; Javier H. Cavazos, president; Flor Gregory, chaplain and master of rituals; and Marco Muñoz, secretary. Back row: Alpha Kappa Psi pledges include Vicente E. Fernandez, Everardo Villarreal, Veronica J. Rocha, Luis G. Noriega, Jorge A. Parris, Rolando Lira and Gerardo García.

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new science courses at our university at the graduate and undergraduate levels for in-service and prospective teachers," Diaz said.

Starting in Fall 2001, all elementary education students at UTB/TSC must take two mandatory classes in physical science that will use the same model kits that are used in BISD classrooms.

Vice President for External Affairs Tony Zavaleta gave a briefing on the university's legislative agenda. In 1997, state Sen. Edin Lucio, D-Brownsville, introduced Senate Bill 274, which allowed for UTB/TSC to downwardly expand so UTB could enroll freshmen and sophomores.

"At the time that that Senate bill was passed in 1997, there was language in the bill which

established a cap so that freshman and sophomore—or lower division classes—at UTB could not exceed 900 students before the year 2005," Zavaleta said.

Believing that this cap is no longer necessary, university officials have asked state Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, to introduce House Bill 2344, which effectively removes the cap.

On March 20, the Higher Education Committee in the Texas House of Representatives unanimously approved the bill. It will now go before the members of the House and, upon approval there, to the Senate. Olivia Rivas, vice president for Student Affairs, presented the WOW award, which is given to Student Affairs organizations that have done such an excellent job, the only way to describe what they do is, "WOW." Out of eight

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grant dollars by calling students a UTB student instead of a TSC student," Martinez said. "So you see the increase on one end and the decrease on the other—that was done by design."

Finally Martinez discussed the estimated amounts that TSC and UTB might receive in the next biennium. TSC is expected to generate about an additional \$1 million for academic courses from \$15.3 million to \$16.3 million. For occupational/technical courses, a decrease of about \$2 million, from \$8.3 million to \$6.3 million, is expected.

"The net result of the two is that we expect to generate about \$1 million less in TSC funding," Martinez said. "That's due to a decrease in state funding for occupational/technical courses of \$238,683 (from \$991,841 to \$753,158)."

Several courses that were originally considered occupational/therapy courses have been shifted to the academic courses category.

TSC revenue estimates are as follows:

- a decrease of \$182,761 in state appropriations,

- an increase of \$340,993 in tuition and fees, coming from increases to several fees such as the Student Services Fee and Designated Tuition

- a decrease of \$162,172 in Continuing Education Program fees and tuition

- an increase of \$16,137 in grants and contracts

- an increase of \$12,137 in the amount TSC lends to the partnership

- a decrease of \$13,535 in the revenues used for district operations

- a decrease of \$150,063 in the total amount for the UTB obligation

"I want to preface all of those numbers by saying that nothing is final," Martinez said. "The state legislature is still working on the appropriations bill. This is the latest available data."

On the UTB side, an increase of about \$5.2 million in state funding is expected for the next biennium. That amount has been adjusted by omitting one-time items such as buildings. UTB, for example, received \$2 million for the Life and Health Sciences building. That will not continue in the next biennium but funds for the debt on the buildings will be received.

Of the \$5.2 million, \$2.8

million is going to come from general revenues and \$2.3 million will come from revenue UTB must generate itself.

"The one thing that is significant is that for universities, unlike community colleges, the state requires that we contribute to the amount of money needed to fund our operations," Martinez said. "So the state has to find, as contributing to the general treasury, revenues such as tuition and half of the overhead that we generate on grants and contracts. So unfortunately, what we do generate in increases in the amount of grants and contracts on this campus, half of them go to the total funding calculations for the university."

UTB revenue estimates are as follows:

- an increase of \$1.2 million in state appropriations,

- an increase of \$878,045 in tuition and fees. This increase is coming from consistent increases to the enrollment number as well as the fee increases.

- an increase of \$164,230 in other revenues

- an increase of \$305,423 in total entrepreneurial revenues

- an increase of \$19,156 in auxiliary revenue

Total UTB revenues are

expected to increase by \$2.6 million.

UTB also has a long list of estimated restricted revenues. This is expected to generate an overall decrease of about \$2.5 million.

Martinez discussed the expenditures that UTB/TSC must consider for the next biennium. Martinez divided these into "have to" expenditures and "maybe" expenditures.

The "have to" expenditures include an estimated \$897,756 increase in utilities, \$309,577 for the LIIS building, \$490,288 for increases to employee health and life insurance for a total increase of about \$1.7 million.

"Maybe" expenditures include faculty and staff salary increases, new faculty positions, a UTB/TSC anniversary event, market adjustments,

etc. "This is just an estimate," Martinez said. "These are things that have come to our attention because they are things that are impacting the current budget. As the budget discussions open up and continue throughout the university, there may be additional items that may be added to the list."

Another meeting was held last Wednesday and two more are scheduled from 1-3 p.m. April 4 and April 11.

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nominees, the Veterans Upward Bound Program won the award for last fall's Veterans Day ceremony. David Rivera, director for the Veterans Upward Bound Program, accepted a "traveling" plaque on its behalf.

Rivas also presented the GEM award, which is an acronym for Going the Extra Mile. This award goes to the division's staff members who have done something that is "above and beyond the call of duty."

J.M. Villarreal, coordinator of Computer User Services for Student Affairs, received a GEM Award for his constant assistance to different campus departments with technical problems, whether it be early in the morning or late at night.

Another winner was Hector

Gonzalez, a UTB graduate student and student development specialist for New Student Relations. Gonzalez has worked hard to recruit prospective UTB/TSC students from Matamoros.

The next winner is Esmeralda Rivera, a nurse practitioner for Student Health Services. Rivera provided much help to a female student she treated who had tested positive for cancer. Despite that student's lack of financial resources, Rivera took her as a patient at South Texas Hospital and made the arrangements to refer the patient to Galveston for surgery and treatment.

Recipients of the GEM award also receive the Scorpion Diamond, which is placed on their nametag.

Secretary Rosemary Breedlove made several recommendations to the board:

A recommendation to reject bids for contractors for the International Innovation Center and review other options.

A recommendation to make the fourth payment to Bobo Construction Co. in the amount of \$39,525.50 for substantial completion of renovations to the Old Bookstore and to classrooms in the Music Building and Edman Hall.

A recommendation to make a payment of \$14,246.16 to R&R Paving Co. for completion of improvements to the Fort Brown Memorial Center parking lot.

Two amendments to the SUJCD budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001. An additional \$25,000 will go to the contingency for funding to the Center for Civic Engagement. Also, \$25,000 will be subtracted from the fund balance.

The board approved all four

recommendations.

In other business, UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia reported on the concordance policy that was first brought before the board in December. This concerned the several increases in fees and designated tuition that was approved by the UT System board of regents in February. By not taking any action, the board agreed with this change in the concordance policy.

Bill Strong, interim associate vice president for Institutional Advancement, reported that UTB/TSC has had its most successful fundraising year. In 2000-2001, the university has raised more than \$5 million.

Because the university has already surpassed the amount of fund-raising dollars that was stipulated in the Institutional Advancement Interagency Agreement in

1996, Garcia recommended that the board renegotiate the contract.

Board Chair Mary Rose Cardenas appointed trustee David Oliveira and Breedlove to look into the issue.

Vice President for Administration and Partnership Affairs Wayne Moore made several points in his construction report:

"The Life and Health Sciences building is 'really taking form.'"

"The public health component of the Regional Academic Health Center is proceeding adequately."

"The Fort Brown Memorial Center has undergone several improvements, including new paint, light fixtures, artwork, etc."

"Foundation work has begun on the new Student Union building."

a referendum to be brought before the SGA.

The referendum reads: "Do you agree with the following: The parking situation at UTB/TSC is a major problem that needs to be addressed and

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Fernandez and Fuentes-Martin explained that this center will provide a variety of "Kinko's-type" services. Fuentes-Martin added that she assumes this center will pro-

vide lower prices than the current copy center.

In other business, the SGA approved a budget cap of \$2,700 for this year's Leadership Recognition Ceremony. The annual event will take place at 6 p.m. April 19 at the Fort Brown Resaca

Club. Each campus club will be allowed to invite up to four members, including the sponsor, to the event, which recognizes outstanding work done by members of each club.

Roman Perez, former SGA secretary and chair of the Parking Forum Ad Hoc

Committee, submitted to the SGA board a proposed parking forum referendum with more than 100 student signatures and ID numbers for the referendum, to be included on the ballot for the upcoming SGA elections. Fifty signatures are required in order for

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WHO REALLY KNOWS YOU?

Q: CAN GOD ACKNOWLEDGE ME?

A: AT ONE POINT MY GOAL WAS TO BREAK ALL TEN COMMANDMENTS AND I DID. I THOUGHT EVERYONE WENT TO HEAVEN BUT I KNEW I WAS GOING TO HELL. I DIDN'T CARE BECAUSE I WAS PRIDEFUL AND HATEFUL. I'VE BEEN THROUGH IT ALL, FROM BEING ABUSED TO WITCHCRAFT. LITTLE DID I KNOW THEN THAT GOD HAD A PLAN FOR ME. I GAVE MY LIFE TO THE LORD AND BEGAN TO FEEL HIS LOVE. I CAN NOW USE MY GREATEST FAULTS TO HELP OTHERS GET TO KNOW HIM.

Q: CAN GOD FILL MY VOID?

A: TWO YEARS AGO I WAS DEPRESSED AND EMPTY INSIDE DUE TO A SERIES OF EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN MY LIFE. I TRIED EVERYTHING TO FILL MY VOID...GIRLS, KARATE, WITCHCRAFT, ETC...BUT NOTHING WORKED. IN FACT, THOSE THINGS JUST MADE ME INTO A PERVERT AND A BULLY. ALL OF THIS CHANGED WHEN A TEACHER FROM SCHOOL INVITED ME TO CHURCH. THIS IS WHEN I BEGAN TO DISCOVER GOD. HE WAS NO LONGER A "MYTH," BUT HE WAS NOW SOMETHING REAL IN MY LIFE. IT WAS ONLY THEN MY VOID WAS FILLED WITH THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN MY LIFE AS A MAN, A MASTER AND A FRIEND.



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Tiempo Nuevo

Tres de UTB/TSC asisten a congreso literario

Por Tavita Plata

Reportera

Dos profesoras y una estudiante asistieron al Sexo Congreso de Literatura Mexicana Contemporánea 2001 en El Paso el mes pasado.

"Reflexiones en torno a nuevos rumbos en la narrativa infantil mexicana" fue el tema que presentó Lidia Díaz, pro-

fesora del Departamento de Lenguas Modernas, el pasado primero de marzo.

Estudiantes y maestros de Canadá, Estados Unidos y México, se reunieron en el auditorio de la Universidad de Texas en El Paso, los días del 1 al 5 para dar conferencia a nuevas ediciones de literaturas mexicanas.

El propósito de la conferencia, dijo Díaz, fue discutir la

literatura que se escribe en México en el momento actual, desde escritores que comenzaron a escribir en los años 1970s a ahora.

Maria Cavazos, profesora de lectura de UTB/TSC, asistió y participó en la conferencia con el tema "Esta noche juntos de Maruza Villalta: Fobias en Soledad compartida".

"La experiencia es de muy alto nivel y es una forma muy

eficiente de tener y conocer qué es lo que se obtiene actualmente en literatura mexicana", dijo Díaz.

La participación de Cavazos y Díaz fue escrita en la revista de Literatura Mexicana número 11 que se publica cada cuatro meses por representantes de la coordinación.

"Mi intención es dar algo el año que entra y aprender técnicas, y cómo usarlas", dijo

Arapella Salazar, estudiante de maestría, quien asistió al congreso como oyente. "Todo estudiante de maestría debería de asistir, porque un estudiante de nivel maestría no se hace con sólo venir y regresar de clases. Lo más importante es participar en conferencias y exponer lo que uno sabe, y hacer que los trabajos de uno sean publicados".



De izquierda: Maria Cavazos, Lidia Diaz, profesoras de lenguas modernas, y Arapella Salazar, estudiante de maestría de español, asistieron al congreso de literatura en la Universidad de Texas en El Paso

Estudiante de Hoy

Por Tavita Plata

Reportera

Nombre: María del

Carmen González

Edad: 44 años

Especialidad: Español

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leer libros, cuidar el jardín.

Metas: "Mis metas académicas son, terminar mi licenciatura en español y continuar con los estudios de maestría en literatura [hispana]."

Reto más grande: "Es trabajar con la gente necesitada en apoyo moral, también ayudar a los jóvenes a que logren sus metas a través de una actitud para que venzan sus obstáculos".

Reconocimientos: "Desde mi primer año en la universidad, empecé a recibir las becas nacionales hispanas por tres años consecutivos, Beca de (Texas Student Leadership Conference), premios por excelencia de UTB/TSC. He estado por varios años en la lista del presidente y lista del decano".

¿Qué has hecho en beneficio de la comunidad?

"Estuve de voluntaria en el periódico el Collegian, soy presidenta de Sigma Delta Pi (Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispana), miembro activa de ASPIRE, trabajo [de voluntaria] en la comunidad de Matamoros, en una estación de radio que se llama 'Principios de Vida', escrito en el periódico El Bravo una sección domini-



cal, también en el periódico 'EM' en el periódico 'San Fronteras', apoyo a la comunidad con conferencias a padres, y en mi iglesia local ayudo con clases a jóvenes".

Si pudieras cambiar algo en el campus ¿qué harías? "Me gustaría que hubiera un carnet semestral de eventos de música, teatro, de talleres literarios, y que el estudiante lo adquiriera a un precio módico. Que hubiera más participación de los estudiantes en las diferentes organizaciones estudiantiles, como las que hay en gobierno estudiantil" y que se prepararan para ser esos líderes que necesitamos en nuestro país".

Anécdota: "La que más recuerdo, fue mi primer semestre aquí en UTB/TSC. Mi mayor temor era el inglés, y cuando no entendía algo que decía el maestro, le preguntaba al compañero que estaba más cercano: si lo que el maestro había pedido era lo que yo había entendido. Siempre me daba cuenta que si había entendido bien. Lo que pasaba era que por los nervios pensaba que no había entendido. Y me di cuenta que preguntando se llega a Roma".

Estadísticas de crímenes detalladas

Por Hdefonso Ortiz

Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

Un automóvil último modelo estuvo entre los artículos que fueron robados durante los primeros dos meses del año, dijo la policía universitaria.

Dos robos fueron reportados en enero. Una mochila valuada en \$40 fue tomada del edificio Sur, mas ésta fue recuperada después. Una mochila con valor de \$20 fue tomada del edificio Ruestberg.

La policía dijo que propiedad estatal que fue reportada como robada anteriormente fue recuperada en el mes de enero; un juego de llaves de edificios y laboratorios con un valor de \$125, una tarjeta para gasolina con valor de \$10 perteneciente a un

vehículo universitario, y unas llaves para un edificio con valor de \$10.

Propiedad privada que fue recuperada en el mismo mes incluye una chamarrá negra, una cartera con efectivo con un valor combinado de \$300, y una caja de discos compactos valuada en \$12.

Ocho robos fueron reportados en febrero. Una desverbaladora con valor de \$320 y una barra remodeladora valuada en \$70 fueron tomadas del Departamento de Mantenimiento y construcción del campus.

Propiedad privada que fue reportada como robada en el mismo mes llegó a un total de \$26,041. Un automóvil último modelo valuado en \$24,181 fue robado del estacionamiento localizado en las calles Taylor y May, y una bolsa con

valor de \$25 y una cartera con efectivo con un valor agregado de \$50 fueron tomadas del edificio Sur. Una bolsa valuada en \$35 y una mochila con libros con un valor de \$250 fueron robados del edificio Ruestberg; estas pertenencias fueron recuperadas. Un robo vía cheque con un valor de \$1,500 fue reportado también.

Una camioneta Ford valuada en \$9,000 que fue reportada como robada anteriormente fue recuperada en febrero.

Un altercado físico fue reportado también. Dos estudiantes del sexo masculino se vieron envueltos en una confrontación el 14 de febrero en el estacionamiento del edificio Sur.

Ambos estudiantes fueron detenidos y después liberados, no se levantaron cargos.

Sports

Scorpions sweep Knights, lose three at Galveston

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Scorpion Baseball Team swept a four-game non-conference series from the Independence Kansas Knights March 21-22 at Scorpion Field. Scores were 11-5, 10-0, 8-0 and 17-7.

After the home series, the team traveled to Laredo March 24 to take on the Palominos in a four-game set. The Scorpions won the first game 2-1 behind the pitching of lefty Brig Maldonado, but lost the next three games, 4-3, 9-2 and 7-5. The final two games were rained out on March 25 but took place the next day.

Head Coach Eric Gonzalez was not pleased with his team's efforts in Laredo.

"It's disappointing because we worked so hard," Gonzalez said. "To go up there and not take three of four

is very disappointing."

The series got even longer when starting second baseman and leading hitter Hector Garanzuay dislocated his right shoulder while diving back to first base on a pickoff attempt. Garanzuay is batting .379 on the year with two homers and 16 runs batted in. He is expected to be out for 2-4 weeks and Gonzalez knows that his team will have a hard time replacing Garanzuay.

"Everybody is going to have to step it up to replace Hector's offensive and defensive output," Gonzalez said. "He is probably the best second baseman in the state."

After the Laredo series, the team had an overall record of 13-15 and a conference record of 8-13. They were tied for the final playoff spot at press time. Despite losing so many tough games, the Scorpions are still in the thick of things.

"We're not playing good and we're still there," Gonzalez said. "That's awesome news."

Gonzalez feels that his team's biggest weakness is inexperience.

"Some of the guys don't believe what they are told by the coaches," Gonzalez said. "They think that they need to win the game with a big hit and that's killing us."

Gonzalez cites mental mistakes rather than physical ones as the reason for his team's record.

"I have all the talent in the world, but they still don't have the right mindset," Gonzalez said. "We don't make physical mistakes, we make mental ones like missing signs, bad baserunning and having the wrong mental approach at the plate."

Gonzalez is not concerned about his pitching or defense, but many members of the team have a poor walk-to-strikeout ratio at the plate, something

that transfers into lack of production and scoring.

"It comes down to mental approach," Gonzalez said. "With two strikes, they need to shorten their swing to make contact and put the ball in play, but they refuse to do that."

Lack of leadership is something that Gonzalez hopes his team will improve on as the season progresses.

"I wish there was more sophomore leadership in the dugout," Gonzalez said. "Some of the freshmen are having to step up and take over as leaders."

Starting now, the Scorpions are going to have to focus on winning every game they can because the season is winding down and a playoff spot is at stake.

"Every win, every pitch, every run and every strikeout counts," Gonzalez said. "It might come down to one game at the end of the season."

Golfers compete in Weatherford

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Men's Golf Team finished 15th in a field of 16 teams in its second tournament of the semester March 18-20 at Sugar Tree Golf Club in Weatherford.

Coach Jesse Lucio was very disappointed in the team's performance.

"It has to be one of our worst outings in quite a long time," Lucio said.

The two-day total for the team was 329-327 (656). Osvaldo Machado had the lowest total for UTB/TSC, coming in at 81-76 (157). Machado was followed by Erik Lopez, 81-82 (163), Jeremy Guevara, 82-82 (164), William Gonzalez, 85-89 (174) and Michael Yanez, who finished at 86-89 (175).

Coach Lucio believes that his team's poor performance could be partly attributed to the golf course, which was very narrow with hilly greens.

"We don't have that type of terrain here," Lucio said. "The

guys had a hard time scoring because they couldn't adjust."

The team's goal for the season is to finish third or better in their region.

"We're absolutely capable of doing it," Lucio said. "It's just a matter of playing as a team."

Lucio is satisfied with the play of his top three golfers but knows that the fourth and fifth men need to step up their play.

"Our fourth and fifth men need to do better jobs," Lucio said. "It has been a problem in the past."

Up next for the golfers will be the state meet in San Angelo April 8-10. Scores from this tournament will be combined with the regional meet scores to determine the three teams that will go to nationals. UTB/TSC will host the regional meet next year.

Lucio believes that if his team stays focused on their goal, they will be able to achieve it.

"Our attitude is good," he said. "I'm anxious to see how we come out."

Box seats no pain in the rear

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

One change at Scorpion Field that fans may be pleased about is the new row of box seats behind home plate. The seats, which are in front of the bleachers, bring the nostalgia of a Wrigley Field in Chicago or a Fenway Park in Boston. For the avid fan, the seats won't be a pain in the butt, or back.

The seats were installed on March 2, just before the March 3-4 home series vs. the Alvin Dolphins.

Assistant Coach Lee Roy Gonzalez sees the new seats as another way to upgrade the field and make the games more enjoyable to fans who may experience discomfort sitting in the bleachers. The bleachers do not have a support for people to lean their backs



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Spectators enjoy the new box seats that have recently been installed behind home plate at Scorpion Field.

against the metal seats may be too hard for watching more than one game.

"We've got to give the fans an opportunity to be comfortable," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez hopes that in the future there will be more upgrades made to the field as there have been in previous years.

"The first year we got the field, then we got palm trees," Gonzalez said. "This year we got seats and hopefully next year we'll get a roof."

Gonzalez said that plans are being made for two more rows of seats to go behind the first and third base lines. Bids are still being accepted and the seats should be up before the season ends.

Gonzalez hopes the fans will take a liking to them and continue to show up for games.

"If they are comfortable and happy, they'll come back," Gonzalez said.

Briefs

The Intramural One Mile Scorpion Run takes place at 2:30 p.m. today at the Garza Gym.

The Scorpion Baseball Team will compete in a three-game series vs. the San Jacinto Gauchos Saturday and Sunday in San Jacinto.

We'll keep the hits coming if you keep reading !

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Funk rock musician recalls '60s renaissance

By Michael Moody
Special to The Collegian

Jerry Martini, a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and founding member of the pioneering 1960s funk rock band Sly and the Family Stone, conducted a clinic March 23 at the SET-B Lecture Hall with hopes of sharing some of his 20 years of experience as a professional musician and '60s refugee with some eager students.

With the aid of a film he edited about Sly and the Family Stone, Martini brought across a genuine attachment to the '60s, or the "period of renaissance" as he put it, during his presentation to an interested but small gathering of hopeful UTB/TSC students, musicians and music engineers. During and after the film he spoke candidly about the realities of being a professional musician in a market that can be willing one minute and relentless the next.

"They were wonderful and upsetting times," Martini said of his days with Sly and the Family Stone.

He spoke of the band as being a pioneer in the rock scene of music history because of its multicultural sound and membership. Indeed, Sly and the Family Stone was one of the first popular acts to integrate rock 'n' roll and funk and become a headliner of the billboard charts. To its credit, the band has 12 No. 1 singles and 16 gold and platinum albums. It is easy to call Sly and the Family Stone successful due to their numbers, but Martini stressed a different kind of success he feels proud of obtaining with the band.

"We were the dream of integration made real," Martini said with a smile as he reflected back on the early '60s. Proudly, Martini relayed his pleasure for being an integral player in a band whose members varied in gender and race during a time marked by racial violence and the Civil Rights Movement. By being on the radio, television, and in the ears, minds and mouths of millions of people in America, Sly and the Family Stone supported an image of fearless, fun racial and gender unity. Lead singer Sly was given to beginning concerts

with the message "Don't hate the black, don't hate the white, if you get bitten just hate the bite."

Pleased by an interested crowd, Martini walked down from his podium and sat in the aisles for a refreshingly unrehearsed question-and-answer session. From technical saxophone questions (he uses a No. 3 reed) to detailed music business inquiries, Martini educated his audience with ease. He spun yarns about the euphoric feeling of playing for a sea of people at Woodstock and the discontent he felt when excluded from the digital re-mastering of Sly's catalog by a profit-driven record company.

Martini expressed his animosity with today's popular music scene without a specter of self-consciousness one might expect from an aging hipster addressing a crowd seasoned by one-hit wonders and Britney Spears videos.

"I don't really like any of the new bands out there today," he said, grinning. "Music today is more about marketing than camaraderie and playing live."

After the q-and-a session, Martini joined local funk masters Out of Sync in a free-flow jam that put to rest any questions of his musical ability. "Don't be afraid to be unique and try something different," was his inspired message as the clinic ended.

Martini is currently involved with the funk-rock outfit Graham Central Station, has toured with Prince and the New Power Generation, released an independent solo album, and name drops the late Jimmy Hendrix and Janis Joplin as good friends.



Jerry Martini

Student Soapbox

Do you think Bougainvillea should continue having Tejano bands?

"I'm not interested in that."

--Uzziel Guzman
Sophomore music major

"They should have different music, like salsa or disco."

--Martha Aguirre
Art student

"Yeah, because it's a popular

thing in the Valley, although it's not dominant."

--Juana Castillo
Senior education major

"No, I think they should have a variation to please everybody's different tastes."

--Maggie Tovar
Sophomore biology major

"We should put more modern rock."

--Marcos Ruiz
Junior biology major

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Music of 'Yesterday' still appreciated today

By John Strubel
Staff Writer

"The Cast of Beatlemania" made its triumphant return to the Jacob Brown Auditorium on March 21 and 22, much to the delight of hundreds of fans. "The Cast of Beatlemania" is a recreation of the renowned Broadway show "Beatlemania" that celebrates the music of one of the most influential bands in rock 'n' roll history.

The show consisted of four musicians impersonating the Fab Four in the attire they

rhythm guitarist John Lennon, Lenie Colacino played bassist Paul McCartney, Jim Filgate was lead guitarist George Harrison and Marty Feier was drummer Ringo Starr. "The Cast" had the English accents and the characteristic mannerisms of all four Beatles down cold during its performance.

"The Cast of Beatlemania" consisted of two acts, the first of which celebrated the music from the Beatles' early mop-top years. It was almost like watching old footage of

There, "A Hard Day's Night," "Yesterday," "Help!" and many others, all of which drew tremendous applause from the audience.

The Beatles had experienced a great amount of success throughout the world but in late 1966, they made the unprecedented decision to stop touring. This was due mostly to threats to their lives after Lennon's statement that the Beatles were "more popular than Jesus" and the fact that their concerts were so raucous, they could no longer hear themselves play during performances.

The Beatles then decided to devote themselves to the recording studio. In 1967, they released the innovative album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." It was these creative and experimental works that "The Cast" performed in the second act of the show. They took the stage wearing the kaleidoscopic jackets made famous by the cover of "Pepper." The crowd roared during songs like "Strawberry Fields Forever," "I Am the Walrus" and



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wore at different stages in their career. Carlo Contamassa portrayed

played classic favorites such as "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "I Saw Her Standing



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"Penny Lane" and was dazzled by a spectacular light show that gave the audience a true sense of the psychedelia of the late 1960s.

During Act Two, "The Cast" made yet another costume change that represented the Beatles' 1968-69 period, when they released their last three albums: "The White Album," "Let It Be" and "Abbey Road." By then, the members of the band had grown apart and it was evident in the diversity of their music. "The Cast" played songs as dissimilar as "Come Together," "Something" and "Hey Jude."

"The Cast" ended the show with "Let It Be," which, appropriately enough, was the Beatles' last single.

"It was exciting," Brownsville resident Monica Serra said. "I think there were more people last time and we really got rowdy. It took a while for everyone to warm

up but, after a while, they got into it. It was great."

People sang along and many even danced during "The Cast's" rollicking 2½-hour performance. Even the younger members of the audience, who did not experience the Beatles' music during the '60s, showed their enthusiasm throughout the show.

"I like the music, it was very cool," Med High student Amcely Lopez said. "There was a lot of music that I didn't know before but I really liked it."

"The Cast" did an excellent job of capturing the enthusiasm of a new wave of Beatlemania that has swept the world since the release of the Beatles' "1" album. Thanks to shows like "The Cast of Beatlemania," fans, both young and old, are able to experience live the music that defined a generation and that continues to have great influence to this day.

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solved by methods other than what the UTB/TSC administration is currently using. Also, the Student Government Association should represent the students more to further the cause of improving the parking situation. Yes ___ No ___

Perce also stated that the forum would like a \$200 budget to pay for needs such as publicity. Accredo said that they would decide on that at a

later date.

In an executive meeting Wednesday, the SGA rejected the requested forum budget.

The next SGA meeting will be held in Spanish at the Gazebo at 11 a.m. Friday. The meeting will be held in Spanish because some of the officers felt that there are some students that "feel more comfortable verbalizing things in Spanish," and because they wanted to include any students that might speak only Spanish.

A&E briefs

The University Cinema Club will present "Close to Eden," a Russian film directed by Nikita Mikhalkov, at 7 p.m. Friday in SET-B 2.548. Admission is free.

The UTB/TSC Bravo Opera Company Gala will perform at 8 p.m. April 21 and at 3 p.m. April 22 at the SET-B Lecture Hall. For more information, call 544-8247. Admission is \$3.

If you would like your next arts and entertainment event published in the briefs section, please call Josie Chivice at 544-8263, e-mail jac@collegian@utb1.utb.edu or visit The Collegian office, located in the Student Center. The deadline for the April 9 issue is 5 p.m. today.

It's not in your stars

By Armando Flores
Collegian Editor

Aries (March 21-April 19): You will be asked to a fund-raiser masked ball for Attention Deficit Disorder.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A friend will tell you that it's better to marry someone who loves you more than you love them. Kind of puts a damper on that proposal you got later this week.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You will be asked to be a series regular on a show, but you're only a guest star, baby!

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will finally realize that 15 years of rejection is not a phase but a lifestyle.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Do you like peacocks?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ten minutes and a couple of cocktails later, you will still be reading this.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have repeated dreams that you're in a sandbox with three friends and no one wants to play with you and that they make you sit in the front of a cab.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): At a party, you will play an interesting game of "Spin

the Bottle." It's interesting because you're the only one playing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will talk to someone you know like they are a stranger, but only they will be a stranger.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Two words: bad breath! **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Right when you are hitting the moment of no thought, BAM, you think of something.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You will buy something named "The Rabbit." What it is I can't quite tell, but it is pink.

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Jennifer Peña of Jennifer y los jets

More than 500 elegantly dressed students and staff attended Bougainvillea 2001 at the South Padre Island Convention Center March 24.

Talina Fernandez, a sophomore, was crowned Bougainvillea Queen. She was elected to the Royal Court on March 21.

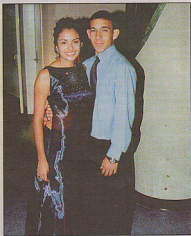
Fernandez was crowned by her sister, Vicenta Fernandez. Vicenta Fernandez and Clara C. Mejia were both crowned queen at Bougainvillea 2000.

Senior Joe Aguirre, who ran unopposed, was crowned king.

Rounding out the royal court were Irina Meza, princess; Claudia Rodriguez, duchess; and Erika Rodriguez, congress.

Drawing the crowd to the event were the Tejano bands Masizco and Jennifer y los jets.

—Josie Chavez



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Port Isabel High students Joana Buitre and Gabriel Alvarez.



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UTB student Carina Guevara



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(From left) Fidencio Solis, junior Criminal Justice major; Luana Salazar, senior; Norma Salinas, senior; Carmen Mata, senior; Sara Marquez, senior; and Frank Muñoz, sophomore.